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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL'S EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY SCHEDULE OF MOST  
SIGNIFICANT MEETINGS

¶1. (U) As of January 26, Portugal has finalized most of the scheduling for its EU Council Presidency and passed the listing below to the Embassy for planning purposes. (Note: The GOP is very sensitive about this list and requested that we STRICTLY PROTECT this information in official channels only for security reasons.)

¶2. (SBU) All meetings are scheduled to take place in Lisbon unless otherwise marked.

#### JULY

2: Inaugural Commission Visit (Porto)  
4: Civil Aviation Meeting  
4: Political Directors for National Defense  
5-6: Political Directors for Political Planning  
5-6: Round Table on European Health Agenda  
5-6: Informal Labor Meeting (Guimaraes)  
9-10: High-Level Conference on Legal Migration  
10: Informal Council Working Group on Conventional Arms Exports (COARM)  
11-12: EURO-Mediterranean (EUROMED) Trade Meeting  
12-13: EU Political Directors and Correspondents (Estoril TBC)  
18: Environment Working Group  
19: Troika Ministerial with Africa's Intergovernmental Authority of Development (IGAD)  
19-22: Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER) Meeting (Azores)  
19-22: General Issues Group  
19-20: Informal Science Meeting  
24-25: 13th Committee Meeting on Common Standards for Higher Education  
26-27: Informal Competitiveness Meeting  
27: Troika Ministerial with Australia  
30-31: Seminar on Alternatives to Prison Sentences (TBC)

#### AUGUST

No meetings due to European Holiday schedule

#### SEPTEMBER

1-2: Informal Meeting on the Environment  
3-4: Conference to Evaluate Justice and Home Affairs Policies (TBC)  
7-8: GYMNICH: Informal Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Affairs (V. do Castelo)  
10-11: High-Level Working Group for Gender Mainstreaming  
10-11: Strategic Immigration, Borders, and Asylum Committee Meeting  
12: High-Level Working Group on Competitiveness  
13-14: Organizational Development of Schools Conference  
14-15: Informal Ministerial of Economic and Finance Ministers (ECOFIN)(Porto Customs House)  
16-18: Informal Agriculture and Special Agriculture Committee Meeting (Porto)  
17-18: 8th European Diplomatic Program

18: Political Directors' Troika with Turkey  
19: Troika Ministerial with New Zealand  
19: Informal Administrative Modernization Meeting  
(TBC)  
19-20: Drug and Drug Addiction Policy Evaluation Conference  
20-23: Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPAR) II  
(Douro)  
24-25: Director General (DG) Meeting on Professional  
Training  
24-25: European Crime Prevention Network Council  
21-22: Informal Development Meeting  
27-28: Informal Defense Meeting (Evora TBC)  
27-28: Civil Committee on Crisis (CIVCOM)

#### OCTOBER

1-2: Informal Justice and Home Affairs Meeting  
1-2: Pol-Mil Group  
3-4: Gender Equality  
4-5: Customs Union Group (Porto)  
8: High-Level Energy Group Meeting  
8-10: Veterinary Services Meeting  
9: EU-Latin America Meeting  
9: Energy and Intercommunication Network Seminar  
10: Labor Committee  
11: Foreign Ministry Cultural Directors' Meeting  
11-12: National Ethics Council Forum  
12-13: HIV/AIDS Program Coordinators  
15: Political Directors' Troika with the Ukraine  
16: High-Level Meeting on Combating Fraud  
18-19: Informal Meeting of the Heads of State and  
Governments  
20: Youth Directors' Meeting  
22: Troika Ministerial with Canada  
22: High-Level Conference on Ocean Affairs  
23: Seminar on Reforming the Security Sector in Africa

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24: International Conference to Combat Drug Use in  
Sports  
24: Drug Coordinators' Meeting  
25: Informal Meeting on Sports  
26: EU-Russia Summit (Mafra)  
26: Informal Meeting on Credit and Exportation  
Groups  
26: Committee 133 Services Meeting  
29-30: Committee for Labor Inspection Representatives  
30: Troika Ministerial with China  
30-31: EU Eco-labeling Board (EUEB)  
31-1: Seminar on Preserving Intellectual Property File  
Availability

#### NOVEMBER

1-2: SISTECH Meeting  
5: Troika Ministerial with Palestinian Authority  
(on margins of EUROMED)  
5-6: EUROMED  
7: Troika for Political Directors with Japan  
7-8: Rome I and Rome II Regulation Seminars  
8: Information System for Labor Policy Meeting  
12-13: Presidency of the Public Procurement Network Group  
(PPN)  
12: European e-Business Support Network Steering  
Group Meeting  
13-14: Social Protection Committee  
15-16: European Health Network and Health Systems Impact  
Assessment  
15-16: Innovative Public Service Group (IPSG)  
18-19: EUROMED Migration (Algarve)  
19: e-Government Group  
19-20: Meeting of National Employment Service Providers  
(EURES)  
21: Informal Meeting of Ministers of Equality  
(TBC)  
21-22: Dialogue with Directors General of Industry  
21-22: High-Level Meeting on Health  
23-24: Conference on Business and Biodiversity

26-27: Conference on Informal and Non-traditional Learning  
27-28: Terrorism Finance Workshop  
29-30: Directors General for Nature Conservation Meeting  
29-30: Directors General for Water Meeting

DECEMBER

3: Troika Ministerial with the United States  
3: Senior Level Group with the United States  
3-4: National Medical Emergency Coordinators' Meeting  
5-6: National Architectural Patrimony Seminar  
5: Directors General for Employment Services Meeting  
6-7: Cultural Points of Contact Meeting  
7-8: "Consumption and Coordinated Action in Europe"  
10-11: Best Practices for Crime Prevention Conference  
10-11: 49th Meeting of DGs for Public Administration  
12-13: European Justice Network on Penal Issues (TBC)  
13-14: Education Committee  
13-14: European Council (Brussels)  
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